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SUBJECT: DAUD VISITS DACCA

1. AFGHAN PRESIDENT DAUD VISITED DACCA DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 14-16. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY, AMONG OTHERS, COMMERCE MINISTER MOHAMMAD KHAN JALALAR, PLANNING MINISTER ALI AHMED KHURRAM AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH. DAUD PAID HOMAGE TO THE MARTYRS OF 1971 AND WAS BANQUETED, TAKEN FOR A RIVER CRUISE, AND INTRODUCED TO BENGALIEE CULTURE BY A TROUPE FROM BANGLADESH TV; HE ALSO MET TWICE WITH PRESIDENT SHEIKH MUJIBUR RAHMAN FOR DISCUSSION OF MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

2. EXPECTATIONS VOICED BY THE LOCAL PRESS THAT THE VISIT MIGHT BE USED AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLICLY SLANGING PAKISTAN, AND ALSO THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS RECENTLY ALTERED ARMS SUPPLY POLICY TOWARD INDIA AND PAKISTAN, WERE LARGELY BELIED. DAUD USED BOTH ENCOUNTERS WITH THE PRESS AND HIS SPEECH AT THE
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STATE BANQUET TO DENOUNCE PAKISTAN'S "CRUEL TREATMENT"

OF THE PAKHTOON AND BALUCH BRETHREN WITH WHOM AFGHANISTAN HAS HISTORICAL, RACIAL, LINGUISTIC AND TRADITIONAL TIES. THE AFGHAN PRESIDENT ALSO SAID HE HAD "REACTED SHARPLY" TO THE CHANGE IN THE ARMS SUPPLY POLICY, STATING THIS WAS THE SOURCE OF GRAVE CONCERN TO AFGHANISTAN AND OTHER "COUNTRIES IN THE REGION."

3. THE BENGALEE APPROACH WAS QUITE DIFFERENT. SHEIKH MUJIB'S SPEECH AT THE BANQUET SAID LITTLE, IF AT LENGTH. INsofar AS ARMS WERE CONCERNED, HE LIMITED HIMSELF TO SAYING, ZFZE CONSIDER THE ARMS RACE AMONGST NATIONS TO BE AN AFFRONT TO THE HUMAN CONSCIENCE WHEN MILLIONS OF PEOPLE FACE STARVATION, POVERTY AND DISEASE. ONLY IF THE ARMS RACE CAN BE HALTED AND MATERIAL RESOURRES THUS RELEASED DIVERTED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE CAUSE OF HUMAN WELFARE--ONLY THEN CW A LASTING PEACE AND THE PROGRESS OF MANKIND BE ENSURED." BUT HE NAMED NO NAMES. RE RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN, HE REHEARSED BANGLADESH-QS RECORD OF MAGNANIMITY, IN THE SEARCH FOR NORMALIZATION BUT THEN REMINDED LISTENERS THAT REPATRIATION OF THE 63,000 "PAKISTAN FAMILIES" AND APPORTIONMENT OF ASSETS ARE PREREQUISITES TO NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS IN THE SUB-CONTINENT.

4. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ANTICLIMATIC. THE TWO PRESIDENTS OF COURSE LAUDED ONE ANOTHER AND THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, AND COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO CULTURAL, TECHNICAL COOPERATION. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE TWO COUNTRIES RENEWEMSTHEIR DEDICATION TO NON-ALIGNMENT AND PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE, REITERATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR DECLARING THE INDIAN OCEAN A "ZONE OF PEACE", REASSERTED SOLIDARITY WITH THE "FRATERNAL ARAB PEOPLE", AND REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND STRUGGLES AGAINST "COLONIALISM, ALIEN DOMINATION AND SOCIAL DISCRIMINATION." THE COMMUNIQUE COMMENTED ON DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH ASIA IN VERY GENERAL TERMS, URGING "RESPECT FOR THE LGITIMATE RIGHTS AND HHIURATIONS OF THE PEOPLES OF THE REGION" AND EXPRESSING THE VIEW THAT ONLY THROUGH "DISCUSSIONS IN A SPIRIT OF

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UNDERSTANDING AND MUTUAL GOODWILL" CAN OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS BE RESOLVED AND "AN ENVIRONMENT OF PEACE" BE ESTABLISHED.

THERE WAS NO REFERENCE TO THE ARMS SUPPLY POLICY WHATSOEVER IN THE COMMUNIQUE.

5. COMMENT: WHATEVER HOPES DAUD MAY HAVE HAD OF USING THE DACCA VISIT

TO BELABOR PAKISTAN WERE LARGELY
DISAPPOINTED, AND IF HE THOUGHT THE BENGALLEES WOULD
VOICE CRITICISM OF THE ARMS SUPPLY POLICY CHANGE,
HE WAS EITHER MISLED OR MISTAKEN. RE PAKISTAN,
THE BENGALLEES ARE SERIOUS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO GET
BACK INTO DISCUSSION WITH THE PAKISTANIS, AND ARE
STILL SMARTING FROM BHUTTO'S CHARACTERIZATION OF
THEIR CLAIMS AS "FANTASTIC" AND THEIR POSITIONS
AS "RIGID." THUS, THEY CLEARLY SAW NO REASON TO LEND
THEMSELVES TO ANY CAMPAIGN OF VITUPERATION WHICH
MIGHT GIVE EVIDENCE TO THE PAKISTANI LEADER'S
ASSERTIONS.

6. INSOFAR AS THE ARMS SUPPLY POLICY IS CONCERNED,
IT IS CLEARER THAN EVER THAT THE BENGALLEES, EVER
CONFRONTED WITH THE NEED TO PRESERVE AND AUGMENT
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, SEE ABSOLUTELY NO PROFIT TO BE
GAINED FROM OFFENDING THE U.S., AND THUS WERE WILLING
TO MAKE NO MORE THAN THE MOST PERFUNCTORY GESTURES--
SHEIKH MUJIB'S OBLIQUE REFERENCE IN HIS AFTER-DINNER
SPEECH WHICH, AS INDICATED ABOVE, WAS NOT ECHOING

THE COMMUNIQUE.
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